My Day By Day

The Advent edition of My Day by Day is now available in the Advent Room. £1.00 per copy. Please put the money in the basket provided.

St Dominic Savio School Open Days Tues 5th Dec 2017 and Tues 9th January 2018 9.15am to 10.45am.

More details at www.dominicsavio.co.uk

#### **Consecration Preparation**

Some progress is being made in preparation for the consecration of the church.

The current (damaged) cross on the front of the Hall is to be removed and replaced in the near future.

The Sanctuary light has been moved in preparation for the arrival of the Icons to be placed on the Sanctuary Wall.

The notice boards in the Advent Room have been reduced in number. Please note that requests for the display of notices must be submitted to the Parish Office for approval.

There is now a folder containing the various rotas previously displayed on the notice boards.

The Visitor Book will be reintroduced in the next month for Health & Safety and site management purposes.

# Message from Bishop Philip Egan

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to Uturn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit http://catholicnews.org.uk/ or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Offertory Collection	19th Nov
Envelopes	185.00
Loose Cash	596.27
Standing Orders	709.33
Total	£1,490.60

Thank you for all your kind donations.

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CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thurs. 5.45pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm in HALL

Reading St	Emergency numbe - please call your or		
Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am	Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun.10.00am	Fr. Rafaele Cossa/Fr Lu	uca Speziale 0118 969 3423
St. James English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am Sat 6.30pm; Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm	Cn. John O'Shea Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 4171 0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst St. William of York	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin) 6.00pm (Students' Mass)	Fr. Peter Glas Fr. Mathew Goddard / F	0118 942 8632 Fr. Ian Verrier 0118 966 5284

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

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26th November 2017

### Christ rules the world from the Eucharistic Altar

God the Father has put everything under the dominion of His beloved Son. The risen Lord shapes and directs all creation towards its glorious return to finally submit everything to the Father. "For Christ must reign until He humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Cor 15:25). "Every knee will bow before Him; every tongue will acknowledge God" (Rom 14:11).

At this very moment of the history of salvation. Christ rules the world from the throne. which is called Calvary or the Most Holy Eucharist. In our life we learn that Calvary is present to us when the Mass is celebrated. Christ Crucified comes into our hearts and there He transforms and rules the world. He rules the universe in us. with us, and through us when we open our hearts and share in his crucifixion at Mass. During the Eucharist we are invited to co-rule the world with the Lord in union with the crucified One.

At the general audience last Wednesday 21 November 2017, Pope Francis reminded us. that when we enter the church for Mass, we should say to ourselves: "I enter Calvary, where Jesus gives his life for me" "When we go to Mass, it is the same as if we go to Calvary," "Imagine that you are actually at Calvary" - he continued - "In that moment, you would look up and know that the

man upon the cross is Jesus. Would you even think to chatter or take pictures? "No, because Jesus is there!" On the contrary, we should respond to the Holy Mass actively, which means "in silence, in weeping," and with joy as we have been saved from death and sin. In this way we are in communion (union with) our Saviour who is exalted about the earth. It happens at each Mass: Christ hanging on the Cross is pronounced as the King of the Jews. King of the Universe! Mass is the Eucharist, Thanksgiving as God reigns! Our God reigns at His Passion and death on the Cross open to us during each Holy Mass. This is then the ultimate victory over death. There. He transformed his death "into the supreme act of love."

We are in union with the King Jesus Christ while receiving His Precious Body and Blood. In this way we are empowered to love and forgive, including loving our enemies. Indeed, during Holy Mass, at the moment of consecration and communion the Lord Jesus, as Pope Francis says, "pours upon us all his mercy and love, as he did on the cross, so as to renew our heart, our existence, and our way of communicating with Him and with our brothers."

"Fr Stan

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 26th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	John M McNamara
Mon 27th November	9.30am <b>10.00am</b>	Rosary Peter Mooney RIP
Tue 28th November		Adoration Colin & Hannah Turner RIP
Wed 29th November	9.30am <b>10.00am</b>	Rosary Ken Mansfield RIP (30th Anniv)
Thu 30th November St Andrew	No Mass	
Fri 1st December St Edmund Campion	11.00am <b>7.30pm</b> After Mass	Alice Wilson RIP (Foundation Mass)
Sat 2nd December Our Lady on Saturday	No Mass	Adoration continues until 5pm
Sun 3rd December First Sunday in Advent	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Eric Vinet RIP Parishioners

During the month of November, please pray for all deceased and offer Mass intentions for their souls.

Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass.

# Anniversaries - please keep in your prayers

Helen Nolan (1984), Kenneth Mansfield (1987), Olive Hervey (1991), Z Maratona (1991), Michael Claridge (1993), William O'Riordan (1996), Alice Wilson (1999), Mary Underwood (2000), Peter Sellen (2004) and Eric Skilton (2014

# **TODAY Sunday 26th November**

## **Christ the King Solemnity**

Sunday **26th November** is a major feast which ends the Liturgical Year (A).

On this occasion, at the 11am Mass, we will renew our Baptismal promises and say a prayer to mark the occasion.

All children and youths are invited to take part in this Mass.

#### Traidcraft

The Traidcraft Stall will be open on Sunday 26th November for the collection of Christmas Cards and goods ordered.

#### THIS WEEK

#### Faith Talks Contd.

Monday - Celebration of The Word of God. Participants will receive the Bible from the hands of the Church. Bring your own Bible, or we can provide.

Followed by Agape/ eats and drinks (bring a plate to share)

Starts 8.00pm in church. All welcome.

Talks given by Neo-Catechumenal Community from St Benedicts Abbey, Ealing.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **Advent Penitential Services**

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 11th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 12th	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 13th	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 14th	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 15th	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 16th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 18th	7.30pm	St James

#### **Events in Advent**

- We will say the Angelus before all Advent Masses
- We will again celebrate a Rorate Mass every Wednesday morning in Advent, at 6.30am, following the tradition started last year. This is a candlelit Mass in the dark bring your own lantern.
- Please join us on Friday 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Mass at 7.30 pm and blessing of cards for Christmas (also to be done on Sunday 10th Dec.). Parishioners will be asked to give cards to anyone they know who is Catholic and has lost touch or drifted away from their faith.

# **Advent Charity**

We shall soon be setting up a Giving Tree with the aim of collecting gifts to go to the homeless. More details to follow.

# **Christmas Party**

Join us for this year's OLOP Christmas party on Saturday 9th December at 6pm! Tickets are on sale after Mass every Sunday.

The evening will consist of a festive 3 course meal with carols and a Christmas quiz. There will be separate entertainment for the children with a kid friendly finger buffet.

Tickets: Adults -£20; 5-10 yrs- £7.50; Under 5's free.

#### **Craft Afternoons**

There will be craft afternoons lasting about 45 mins after the 11am mass on 26th November and 3rd December to help prepare the table decorations for our Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome and teas & coffee's will be provided!